Educationally Backward Districts

1490. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the educationally backward districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop those districts educationally during the Eighth Plan period;

(d) whether any target has been fixed in that direction for the Ninth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) *Inter-alia* district female literacy rates which are below the national average have been adopted among the criteria for implementing educational development programmes. District-wise female literacy rates are given in the Annual Report of the Ministry for the year 1992-93.

(c) A number of Central and State programmes are under implementation such as District Primary Education Programme, National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education etc. to promote educational development. The details of Central schemes are given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry for different years of the Eighth Plan.

(d) and (e) This would be taken up at the time of finalisation of sectoral strategies and targets for Ninth Plan.

Major/Medium Sector Irrigation

1491. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the views expressed by the founder Chairman of the Central Ground Water Board through his article published in the *Statesman* dated August 31, 1996 about yardstick of 'Potential created" for measuring the progress of major and medium sector irrigation;

(b) whether the suggestion, made by him that consolidation and not expansion should be the order of the day for this, has been examined; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Examination of various options for expansion of irrigation facilities is a continuous process. The strategy of the Government is to bring in more area under irrigated agriculture by consolidation and improvement of existing infrastructure as well as by creating additional irrigation potential through Major & Medium and Minor irrigation schemes.

Non-Formal and Adult Education

1492. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of annual target for non-formal education and adult education achieved in Orissa during each of the last three years; and

(b) the funds released for the same during the above period, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The funds allocated and released by this Department for implementation of the schemes of Non-Formal Education and Adult Education in Orissa in the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Allocated	Amount Released
Non-Formal Education		
1993-94	868.68	811.67
1994-95	1229.62	1109.59
1995-96	1992.24	1900.31
Adult Education		
1993-94	930.47	432.38
1994-95	449.29	422.95
1995-96	896.85	627.05

Rengali Dam Project

1493. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of families in Orissa displaced due to construction of Rengali Dam Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the displaced people have not been rehabilitated so far;

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in the rehabilitation of those dam ouster people; and

(d) the steps taken to rehabilitate those people at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Out of 803 families likely to be affected on completion of Rengali Dam Project, 275 families have been paid rehabilitation assistance upto June, 1996. Rehabilitation & Resettlement of remaining families is in progress.

(d) As Rehabilitation & Resettlement is a State subject, the Rehabilitation & Resettlement plans are formulated,